

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-27 (Cancelled)

28. (New) A clipping device comprising:

an insertion tube, which has an insertion tube distal end and an insertion tube proximal end, and which is configured to be inserted in a cavity of a living body;

a sheath, which has a sheath distal end and a sheath proximal end, and is inserted in the insertion tube so as to be movable in an axial direction of the insertion tube;

an operation section, the operation section being connected to the sheath proximal end, and movement of the operation section causing the sheath to move relative to the insertion tube;

an operation wire, which has a wire distal end and a wire proximal end, and is inserted in the sheath so as to be movable in an axial direction of the sheath;

a moving mechanism, which is movably mounted on the operation section and fixed to the wire proximal end, and causes the operation wire to move relative to the operation section and the sheath in accordance with movement on the operation section;

a treatment member removably attached to the wire distal end, the treatment member being to be removed as it moves in a direction in which the operation wire is retracted into the sheath by the movement of the moving mechanism; and

a fixing mechanism to restrict relative movement between the sheath and the insertion tube and relative movement between the operation wire and the sheath.

29. (New) The clipping device according to claim 28, wherein the fixing mechanism includes:

a first fixing member interposed between the insertion tube proximal end and the operation section to restrict the relative movement between the sheath and the insertion tube; and

a second fixing member disposed in the operation section to restrict the relative movement between the operation wire and the sheath.

30. (New) The clipping device according to claim 29, wherein the first fixing member comprises a stopper removably attached to the sheath.

31. (New) The clipping device according to claim 29, wherein the first fixing member comprises a stopper removably attached to the insertion tube proximal end.

32. (New) The clipping device according to claim 29, wherein the second fixing member comprises a spring member which forces the moving mechanism in a direction in which the operation wire is retracted into the sheath.

33. (New) The clipping device according to claim 28, wherein the treatment member is configured to be retracted in the insertion tube in accordance with the relative movement between the sheath and the insertion tube; and

the fixing mechanism restricts the relative movement between the sheath and the insertion tube and relative movement between the operation wire and the sheath in a state where the treatment member is retracted in the insertion tube.

34. (New) The clipping device according to claim 28, wherein the treatment member includes a clip unit having a clip in an open state, the clip being to be closed as it moves in a direction in which the operation wire is retracted into the sheath by the movement of the moving mechanism.